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SUBJECT: NOTES 6 AND FINAL

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1. EVACUATION AND CLOSURE OF KIGALI

- ALL KIGALI EVACUEES ARE EITHER IN BUJ OR EN ROUTE HOME. AMBASSADOR RAWSON AND SPOUSE, AND CONOFF AND SPOUSE, AND PEACE CORP PERSON ARE STILL IN BUJ BUT WILL DEPART IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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- AF, M/FLO AND FMP ARE WORKING ON A RECEPTION CENTER DE-BRIEF FOR EVACUEES FOR TUESDAY, 4/15.

- THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THE CHANCERY IS BEING LOOTED. THE LOCAL GUARD FORCE WAS TO CONTINUE COVERAGE OF AMERICAN RESIDENCES, BUT PEOPLE ARE PESSIMISTIC.

- EMBASSY REPORTS THAT ALL CLASSIFIED WAS DESTROYED, BUT A LOT OF UNCLASSIFIED TRAFFIC WAS NOT.

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- FMP IS CHECKING ON THE DISPOSITION OF CASHIER FUNDS (30K), WHETHER LEFT BEHIND OR TURNED OVER TO CASHIER IN

BUJ/NAIROBI. BECAUSE THE ADMIN OFFICER WAS ON R&R AT THE TIME, INFORMATION AVAILABLE IS SCATTERSHOT

- BECAUSE EXIT WAS OVERLAND, EVACUEES DID GET THEIR VEHICLES OUT TO BUJ, BUT NOT MUCH ELSE.

- NO REQUESTS FOR ALTERNATE SAFEHAVEN.

2. EVACUATION OF BUJUMBURA

ALL DEPENDENTS (26) AND NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO DEPART. CHARGE HAS DECLARED 13 EMPLOYEES NON-ESSENTIAL, LEAVING 26 EMPLOYEES AT POST. THEY WILL FLY COMMERCIAL. EMBASSY IS REQUESTING THAT ONE DEPENDENT, PIT SPOUSE OF AN AID EMPLOYEE, BE ALLOWED TO STAY.

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3. BELGRADE: MISSION SECURITY

- EUR AND EMBASSY BELIEVE AN EVACUATION IS PREMATURE PREFERRING TO SIT TIGHT FOR NOW. HOWEVER EUR THINKS IF U.S. INVOLVEMENT INTENSIFIES, SOME DRAWDOWN WOULD BE PRUDENT.

- THERE IS EARLY DISCUSSION OF CONVENING A TASK FORCE, AND A ROSTER IS READY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTIVATION.

- EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR RESIDENCES AS OF TONIGHT. EVIDENTLY TENSIONS WERE HIGH AFTER TWO NIGHTS HUNKERED DOWN IN THE CHANCERY: ONE FAMILY'S DOG BIT A CHILD.

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